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**To:** Provost and Chief Academic Officers

**From:** Paula Compton, Associate Vice Chancellor, Articulation and Transfer

**Date:** September 30, 2020

**Subject:** Ohio Transfer Module (OTM) and General Education (GE) Revisions

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### Overview/Background:

The Ohio Transfer Module (OTM) was created 30 years ago to address issues of transfer and articulation among Ohio's 36 two- and four-year public institutions, particularly with respect to the General Education curriculum. The major objective of the OTM is to provide students the assurance that the courses they take can be used towards their degree at the receiving transfer destination.

Statewide discussions have occurred over the past two years to rethink the OTM and assess whether it meets the current needs of Ohio public institutions and students. As a result, OTM revisions have been proposed that focus around flexibility with certainty to allow students to choose different paths through the OTM based on their own unique situation, while at the same time assuring students that credits will transfer to their destination institution.

Within the next month, several items will be sent out statewide to assist with capturing your institutional response on proposed OTM revisions. Areas requiring institutional feedback or statewide informative updates include:

1. Possible Revisions to the OTM
2. Renaming/Rebranding the Current OTM
3. Inclusion of Diversity/Equity/Inclusion Learning Outcomes within the OTM
4. English Composition and Oral Communication Learning Outcome Updates
5. Ohio Transfer Promise Statement

### **Action Items to Complete/Review:**

Up to this point, the proposed OTM revisions and potential name change have been reviewed by the Ohio Articulation and Transfer Network (OATN) Oversight Board and General Education Steering Committee with consensus to move forward with statewide endorsement.

We are now asking Ohio public institutions of higher education to provide feedback on the proposed OTM revisions and name change only at this time. To set a framework around proposed revisions and to assist with completing the survey several resources have been included below as reference.

#### **1. Ohio Transfer Module (OTM) Revisions Overview**

- This document provides a framework outlining the background of this important work. Please view the OTM overview document [here](#). *Anticipated review time: 10 minutes.*

#### **2. OTM Semester Hours Conceptual Model**

- This conceptual model provides goals surrounding the proposed revision, as well as illustrates the recommended semester hour breakout. Please view the OTM semester hours conceptual model [here](#). *Anticipated review time: 5 minutes.*

#### **3. OTM Semester Hours Breakout Conceptual Model**

- This conceptual model provide recommended breakout elective courses for three distinct student paths: decided (AA/AS), undecided (AA), and undecided (AS). Please view the OTM semester hours breakout model [here](#). *Anticipated review time: 5 minutes.*

#### **4. Ohio Guarantee Transfer Pathways (OGTP) and OTM Revisions**

- This document provides an overview on how the OGTP works hand in hand with the proposed OTM revisions. Please view the OGTP and OTM revisions document [here](#). *Anticipated review time: 5 minutes.*

## 5. OTM Model Revisions and OTM Name Change Endorsement Survey

- This survey will capture your institutional feedback on potential OTM revisions and name change. The recommended renaming provides similarity to the current OTM with the addition of General Education for clarity. Please complete the survey [here](#) at your earliest convenience but no later than **November 9, 2020**. *Anticipated completion time: 15-30 minutes.*

**Important Note:** Institutions should submit one survey response via the link provided above. The attached PDF file is for reference only. Do not use the PDF version to respond to the survey.

We thank you for your institutional participation and valuable feedback. Should you have any questions please contact Paula Compton, Associate Vice Chancellor/ Executive Director at [pcompton@highered.ohio.gov](mailto:pcompton@highered.ohio.gov) or Jessi Spencer Director of OATN Policy, Budget, and Constituent Relations, at [jspencer@highered.ohio.gov](mailto:jspencer@highered.ohio.gov).

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